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ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

An apparatus for holding a fragile item which includes a support frame and a support panel mounted within the support frame. The support frame includes at least one elongated, longitudinal channel on an exterior surface thereof to provide an area of attachment to the support frame. A fastener is provided to attach accessory components to the support frame. The fastener is preferably a spring nut and bolt arrangement, although any suitable fastener may be used. Such accessory components include substantially clear panels for displaying the items, shelf brackets, pipes and pipe fittings, covers, and elongated extensions to create a cavity box formed from at least two spaced apart support frames. The apparatus can be used to store, transport or display fragile items such as paintings, sculptures and tapestries.

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